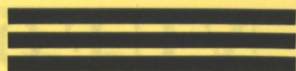


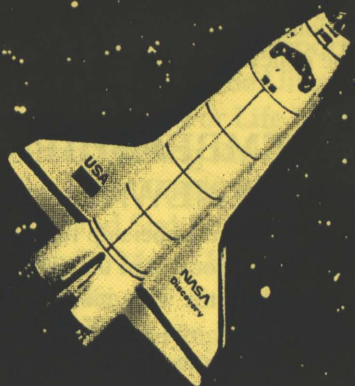
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You have now had two editions of our new-look publication and we hope you find it to your liking. It is a very convenient size and holds the same amount of information as the earlier editions; and we can do most of the work ourselves, therefore it is more economical. We can put in any photos we may have presented to us and they come out like the originals, so the eyes do not become strained trying to understand what they are looking at.

We intend to utilize different coloured covers to make it easier when looking for a particular edition.

We had a very complimentary note from a New Zealand member who said, "I must say your magazine is an excellent one, and I look forward to receiving it." Some of our overseas exchange groups have also made similar remarks - it is very encouraging, and we thank you for your comments.

I anticipate that many of you will have been watching the brilliant colours of the Planet Mars, as it rose in the ESE. I admit it has been, on occasions, a little difficult to observe Mars through the cloud cover, but most nights it has been lovely and clear and the colours have been beautiful and bright. It is the closest it has been for sixty thousand years, and we hope you all had a good look at it so you will not have to wait around for the next close viewing. I hope to have a box seat for the next time around!

We must apologise for the lateness of this edition, but it was quite impossible to have done any better as the three of us who are responsible for the publication, all had unexpected medical problems. However, we are all once again "on deck" and the publication has at last been finalised.



Election Notice - 2003

At the Meeting to be held on the 1st of December, 2003, a new Committee will either be declared or elected. Our apologies for not including the Election Notice earlier. The previous Bulletin changeover was a very demanding exercise requiring all of our attention.

Nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper containing the signatures of a nominator and seconder, who both must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary, **No Later** than the 15th of October, 2003.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2003

On June 16th, 2003, a Grampians contact phoned to tell me that two jet aircraft had broken the sound barrier near Halls Gap. Local pilots informed me that this was in doubt because a **notice to airmen** (NOTAM) is usually circulated to inform pilots of any scheduled military aerial exercises. As a result of the confusing contradicting statements, I decided to go to Halls Gap and check for myself.

Upon arrival, I found that everyone with whom I spoke had heard the sound of the fast moving aircraft, and many had seen them. I canvassed the whole area including motels, caravan parks, and locations in view of the mountain ranges, in an attempt to ascertain whether the jets were in pursuit of anything, and if so, what? Many people had seen the aircraft but had not thought to look ahead for anything they might have been chasing. This surprise military activity had raised the interest in the UFO subject to a level greater than I had previously found anywhere in the world.

It was pointed out to me that the flight path of the jets was directly over the valley where the UFO activity had been taking place for at least two years, without interruption! I visited the site, and for the first time in those two years, I did not see any UFO activity. To date, there have been no reports of UFO activity received from other witnesses since the time of the jet overflight.

Until recently, the UFO objects ceased to glow when an aircraft flew over, and just prior to the low level jet overflight, reports were received indicating that regular commercial aircraft had been seen at the same time as the objects were glowing. Perhaps these regular

high-flying passenger aircraft were no longer considered a potential threat by the glowing objects.

If the response of the UFOs to the low flying military jet flight had not occurred, mention of the aircraft would have been pointless. It was an incident we never expected. It is also not known whether the jets were Australian, American or New Zealand. The flight did however produce tangible evidence of intelligent awareness - a response to a perceived potential threat. We do not know what was attracting the objects to this area, or if the attraction is strong enough to bring them back - only time will tell.

Most attempted explanations of these phenomena by absentee researchers point to earthlights, but clearly, this incident proves that earthlights are not the answer. I suspect that other areas in the world would provide similar clues if constantly and closely observed. It would be interesting to learn the reason for the cessation of activity, for a considerable time interval, in the Hessdalen Valley of Central Norway.

Both in the Hessdalen Valley and the Grampians, a number of observers indicated that more sightings were made just before or after cameras to record sighting details were ready, than while the cameras were operating. Is this an indication that some intelligence desires to remain low profile, elusive, and camouflaged, or what?

In the Grampians, Steve Swanwick, with his spotlight, has never appeared to be a threat, in

fact on many occasions the objects have responded to his spotlight flashes with the same number of their blinks. On some occasions they have not appeared until he flashed his spotlight out over the valley. I have witnessed this several times. Had the activity continued, this had the potential to become one of the best cases of physical contact I know of.

Over the past two years the objects have responded to a number of tests in ways indicating awareness of their environment. We shall continue to monitor the region to see whether the jet flight has caused the objects to permanently evacuate the region, or whether they are attracted back for some unknown but compelling reason.

I was fortunate to commence my research with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, with very objective researchers, many of whom are now leading researchers in other organisations. In 1964, Richard Hall published Volume One of "The UFO Evidence" in which he points out the indicators of an intelligence controlling a UFO (Page 9). Some of the remarks concerning these indicators follow.

What is "intelligence"? In reference to human behaviour, we usually use the word to mean the application of logic and reason to understand nature or solve human problems. However, we observe "intelligence" by observing the behaviour of people as they go about their affairs.

We infer that they are intelligent or unintelligent by noticing their apparent awareness of their environment, and how they cope with problems in their environment. We note their behaviour as individuals and in groups. The ability of people to act in concert to accomplish mutual goals generally is considered to be intelligent activity.

In regard to the question of whether aerial devices are intelligently controlled, how is intelligence indicated by the performance of aircraft? If we did not know that the airliners and military jets we see coursing through the sky were guided by pilots, how would their actions lead us to suspect this?

First, we might observe some jets rendezvousing, joining formation, then proceeding to act in concert. Then we might see a jet depart from its course and circle a balloon, apparently curious about it, before continuing on its way. Finally, we might notice indications (smoke trails, mechanical parts, high performance, etc.), which suggest to us that these are powered mechanical objects. This would imply intelligent construction and guidance.

UFOs have shown all of these features:

- Inquisitiveness, and reaction to environment.
- Powered flight.
- Formations in coordinated flight.

Reasoning by analogy to human devices and intelligence, the hypothesis that UFOs are intelligently operated is explored below. Caution is required in using this method of reasoning, because it is conceivable that actions which we normally associate with intelligence may not seem so to alien beings, and vice versa. However, there is a good chance that there would be an overlap of "intelligent behaviour" between human and alien beings. In particular, we should expect any intelligent beings to be fundamentally curious about things in their environment. Curiosity underlies the acquisition of useful knowledge, which is necessary to intelligence.

Volume Two of "The UFO Evidence" by Richard Hall is available from the publisher,

Scarecrow Press Inc., 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, Maryland 20706, USA.

Over the years, more scientists are taking an interest in looking at reports relating to UFO activity. The first scientist I know of who did this was Professor Herman Oberth, Co-designer of the V-2 rocket.

One of the first American scientists I know took an interest was Professor James McDonald from the University of Arizona. Back in 1967, we made arrangements for him to interview eighty Australian witnesses. Just before he returned to the US, Ambassador Clark phoned us asking that Professor McDonald get in touch with him. At that time McDonald was in Queensland interviewing the witnesses.

The message was relayed to him too late to contact the Ambassador. Later we received a letter from McDonald, asking if there were any new developments concerning his visit here. He said he was still receiving repercussions concerning his activity in Australia. During my next trip to the US, I learned that Philip Klass had brought charges against McDonald that he was squandering Navy funds on flying saucer investigations.

McDonald was on a mission for the US Navy concerning meteorological and other phenomena. He was cleared of the false charges and while I was attending the following MUFON conference, I challenged the International King of UFO sceptics about the false charges against McDonald. Klass responded, "He had made no false charges. The trial was a whitewash." This is a typical example of wasting time with sceptics who usually do not study UFO activity reports.

Another good example: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an Astronomer from Northwestern University, who was appointed Chief Civilian Consultant for the US Air Force, and served for twenty years in that position. Before he had studied any UFO reports he thought they were nonsense, but after twenty years study he realised the Air Force had not grasped the problem. During his retirement Hynek founded The Centre For UFO Studies in Chicago. Since that time the Condon Committee, sponsored and funded by the US Air Force, was criticised by scientist Professor Peter Sturrock, the founder of the Society for Scientific Exploration.

More recently, Dr. Richard F. Haines founded The National Aviation Reporting Centre on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP). During his comprehensive review of aircraft pilot sightings for the period 1950 - 2000, he discovered in excess of one hundred cases which appeared to affect safety. He has written a detailed summary of these and other cases in FAA, NASA, ASRS and NTSP files (See Australian UFO Bulletin, March 2001 edition). Locally, I am receiving more reports than ever before from pilots concerning UFO activity, including some who have had sightings in the Grampians.

The trail of Ufology follows a similar path to the trail of bacteria, genetics, DNA and other human body related discoveries, from the time when orthodox scientists were ridiculing Louis Pasteur about his invisible zoo. Consider how wrong they were in the light of the advancements in this field to date.

Today, some sceptics regard unidentified flying objects as nonsense. These sceptics appear to be those who have never studied in detail the recorded reports remaining of still unexplained cases.

Air Force Officers Oppose UFO Secrecy

National Investigations Committee on
Aerial Phenomenon (NICAP) 1961

In opposition to official UFO censorship a growing number of Air Force members - active, reserve and retired - have gone on record as supporting NICAP policies. Included are Air Force pilots, Intelligence and operations officers, and radar experts etc., most of whom have joined NICAP in the hope of reducing the secrecy. Some of the names and opinions follow:-

Col. J. Bryan III, USAFR. He concludes that UFOs are interplanetary and that Air Force secrecy is wrong and dangerous. Lt. Col. Jim McAshan, USAFR - same conclusion. Lt. Col. Seth Heywood, USAFR agrees that unexplained objects are in our skies with at least an even chance they are extraterrestrial. In his opinion the military services have played down the problem though top echelons are actively studying UFOs. Lt. Col. Richard T. Headrick, senior pilot, USAFR indicated his opposition to secrecy by giving NICAP his report of UFO sightings at Dayton.

Maj. Paul A. Duich, SAC navigator, USAFR, recently retired from duty with Strategic Air Command, agrees UFOs are interplanetary and Air Force secrecy is dangerous.

Maj. Edwin A. Jerome, USAFR recently retired Command Pilot fully backs NICAP in its struggle against "this insane veil of security classification. The national policy should be to educate the public to the real possibility of the existence of UFOs." (Maj. Jerome reported USAF and RCAF radar tracking of a UFO at 9,000 mph).

Maj. John F. McLeod, USAFR, Operations Officer, Civil Air Patrol Squadron - "I do not believe in censorship, especially when it gets to be so dogmatic and ruthless as that imposed on dissemination of information about UFOs." Former Air Force Maj. William D. Leet, with three UFO sightings as a bomber pilot 1944 to 1957, agrees evidence indicates UFOs are interplanetary. Capt. Betty England, USAFR states public should be given the facts on UFOs.

Maj. Dewey Fournet, USAFR, former Pentagon monitor of the UFO project, states that the Air Force has withheld and is still withholding UFO information including UFO sighting reports. Former Air Force Lt. Col. J. B. Hartranft, now President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, agrees with Fournet. Mr. Albert M. Chop, former Air Force information expert on UFOs, states that UFOs are interplanetary devices.

Numerous members of other military services are similarly on record that there is reliable evidence of unknown objects operating in our atmosphere, under intelligent control, and the facts should be made public, by Congressional investigations if necessary. Among those on record are Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, former head of the CIA; Rear Admiral D. S. Fahrney, former Navy missile chief; Capt. K. C. McIntosh and H. C. Dudley, USN Ret; Col. R. B. Emerson, US Army Reserve and Lt. Col. Samuel Freeman, Army Aviator, Active Reserve.

Big Brother Watching Scots Drama Group

By Euan Duguid

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Aliens spoof becomes case for X-Files

A small Scottish theatre group has been hit by stage fright of a different kind after its latest production came under intense scrutiny - from the US government and military!

The website of amateur group No Mean Company, who perform at Cumbernauld Theatre, has been the subject of Mulder and Scully-style surveillance after displaying details about their spoof play, which depicts an alien invasion.

The group performed *May The Farce Be With You* last weekend, but were astonished to discover that their home page,

www.nomeanco.co.uk

had received more than 500 hits from American intelligence.

Maximum Interest

Company Director Linda Howitt explained, "We decided to do the play last August and to ensure maximum interest we flagged it up on our site and created links to UFO sites.

"The basic narrative centred around aliens who come down to take over the earth, but all

the superheroes who would naturally save the day happened to be on a health farm!

"There were a few outrageous characters, including Electro Man, Super Brain and Wizard Woman, who stepped in to rid the Earth of invaders after a brief period of alien domination."

Despite the wacky storyline, Linda, who also runs a greetings card business, described how she was taken aback to discover interest from Uncle Sam.

She said, "On the server that holds our web page you can access statistics of people who have visited and where the visits have come from.

"When we posted information last year there were five hits from the US government in the first few weeks.

Big Brother Watching Scots Drama Group

"The monitoring seemed to increase when I updated the site and we've now received 53 hits from the US military and 491 from the US government."

Linda could only speculate about why the space parody had become a real-life X-File.

"Cumbernauld is fairly close to Bonnybridge which has had more UFO sightings in recent years than Roswell in New Mexico, the UFO capital of the world," she said.

"However, I suspect it may be the links to the UFO sites that have generated the interest from across the water."

Mark Birdsall, intelligence expert and editor of *Eye Spy* magazine, explained that American intelligence interest in Scotland is not unusual.

Ideal Explanation

He explained, "Clearly, with the volume of hits, the Americans are taking this website seriously."

"The thing with UFOs is they are the ideal explanation for governments to conceal operations like rocket tests and unmanned probes. Far better the public think it's a flying saucer rather than a top-secret test."

"The Americans will probably be keeping their eyes on the website for message boards and any new reports of UFO sightings."

"They will want to see how the public react and perceive this information."

"Scotland is of huge interest to the Americans and the US military will be curious about Cumbernauld because of its close proximity to Bonnybridge - they want to get to the bottom of what's, going on there."

Flashes Of Light In The Sky Give UFO Fans Plenty To Think About

By Cathy Caws

Portsmouth News, Harts., England - Aug. 26 2002

Strange flashes of light have been spotted shooting across the night skies over Portsmouth. And a crop circle suddenly appeared on the side of a busy motorway between junctions nine and ten of the M27 at Fareham.

Members of a UFO group, which has been gathering regularly on Portsdown Hill believe there is a lot of activity in outer space now. Balls and streaks of light have been illuminating the sky and the crop circle appeared in a field visible from the motorway.

Civilian policeman Steve Gerrard is chairman

of a UFO group based in Southampton, which investigates sightings across Hampshire. Mr Gerrard, 39, said: "There has been a lot of activity in the skies recently. We believe without a doubt that there is something out there in outer space but we are not sure what."

"We have seen lights in a variety of shapes looking like lanterns and cigars as well as balls of light ranging from the size of a pea to clusters of half a dozen." Mr Gerrard added: "Some people dismiss the lights as coming from the dockyard but we don't think they are anything to do with the naval base."

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Fort Worth, Texas - September 19, 1957 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena). An Air Force Major was piloting a bomber when he saw a UFO that was also tracked on ground flight control radar. After alerting his crew, the pilot said they saw a white object that crossed in front of the aircraft then moved to the right at speeds far exceeding those of ordinary planes. The UFO disappeared from view but the plane's radar continued to track it. Then the mysterious craft also disappeared from the radarscope but reappeared later on both the ground radar and plane scopes and visually. As the aircraft closed the UFO suddenly vanished from both radar and visual observation. The Colorado Project said it could not identify the phenomenon encountered.

Moe, Victoria - February 15, 1963 *The APRO Bulletin* (Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation). At about 07:00 a.m. farmer Charlie Brew and his son Trevor were milking the cows when a disc-shaped object descended out of the rain to an estimated height of about 70 to 100 feet. At the appearance of the object the cows became very agitated and the horses reared in panic, Brew told investigators. His farm is located near Moe, about 80 miles southeast of Melbourne, Australia. Brew described the object as about 25 feet in diameter, battleship grey in colour with what appeared to be a band of Perspex or glass around the circumference and a number of scoop-like protrusions.

The disc appeared to land but it suddenly shot off in a westerly direction at "2 or 3 times the speed of a jet" and disappeared into a cloud. Brew's son Trevor did not see the object but did hear the "pulsating, whooshing sound" as it travelled overhead. The above are the basic facts of the sighting forwarded by Sylvia Sutton, Secretary of the Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society.

Shelley, Idaho - April 28, 1967 *Saucer News* (Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society). At 09:30 p.m. about 50 people viewed a UFO at low altitude directly over Shelley High School. The object emitted a large pale orange light according to the witnesses. One of the viewers, a private pilot, happened to have binoculars with him in his panel truck. He described the UFO, which was only 400 to 500 feet away, as being a flat ellipse with a definite dome or superstructure, which stood approximately one third as high as the main object was wide. The lower area was clearly defined and internally lighted. The UFO was also lighted on the top and two light streaks connected the upper light to the lower one. The object was later seen by a whole neighbourhood alerted to its approach, all of whom saw it depart to the north gaining altitude and speed as it travelled but remaining as silent as before.

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #32 - 2003 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

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Sightings In NY, DC, and Chicago

New York, Lights In Formation; New Jersey, Strange Cylinder; Pennsylvania, Tube Into Saucer; Washington, Chevron Shaped Craft; Northern Carolina, Reddish Light; Ohio, Daylight Disc Photographed; Michigan, Crop Circles; Illinois, Small Hovering Object; Louisiana, Large Flying Triangle; Kansas, Brilliant Daylight Saucer; Idaho, Low Flying Green Orbs; California, Moving Amber Light; Oregon, Daylight Sphere Take Off; Washington, Sphere Hits Plane; Canada, UFO's Help Tourism; Argentina, Cattle Mutilations; UK/England, RAF Chases UFO; Netherlands, Six Unusual Lights; Croatia, Light Hovers And Charges.

New York, Lights In Formation

Manhattan - The witness reports, "My friend and I saw a strange black object rise over the west side of Manhattan at 09:19 p.m., on July 17, 2003." The object proceeded to float eastward over the East River, like "a string of illuminated pearls" trailing this black balloon-esque object. The strings were stationary and just trailing the object.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Queens - The witness reports, "My friends and I were sitting outside looking into the sky on July 19, 2003, at 09:36 p.m. when we saw a light moving really fast." At first I thought it

was a shooting star, but then all of a sudden it went out like someone flipped a switch and turned it off. The object kept fading in and out, until it finally disappeared. About two minutes later, we saw a real brute moving pretty fast. My friend put up his telescope and all we saw was a light that we felt wasn't a plane. Finally at about 09:48 p.m., it zoomed off travelling east.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

New Jersey, Strange Cylinder

Jersey City - Two witnesses were on the roof at 06:30 p.m., watching the Manhattan skyline on July 19, 2003, when they noticed an upright cylindrical object appear from the southwest tip of Manhattan. It ascended slowly and without sound, maintaining constant ascent and flight path towards the centre of Manhattan. It changed shape and colour several times before it disappeared behind the clouds.

The object had a whitish/grey matt finish with a trace of red colour, perhaps due to the setting sun. Its redness seemed to intensify as it climbed higher. The object was relatively big, half a thumbnail size at arm's length and flew at between 10,000 to 35,000 feet. The cylinder maintained its amazing upright posture throughout its flight and had no light emissions.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

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Pennsylvania, Tube Into Saucer

Leola - On July 17, 2003, the boys were playing lacrosse outside when one looked up to catch the ball and noticed a strange flying object in the sky. He says, "I pointed toward the object and my friend also saw it." At 05:15 p.m., we thought it looked like a flying tube, but then it turned towards us looking like a disk or saucer high above us. From what we could see it was silver and also reflected the sun back towards us. After turning back and forth a few times it kept flying away from us and vanished.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Washington, Chevron Shaped Craft

Restricted Airspace - On July 22, 2003, the witness states, "I turned off the lights in my apartment about 09:30 p.m., on my way to bed, and was startled to see out my window, what looked at first to be a large passenger jet passing low over the apartment building." I live in the middle of Washington, DC, and this is restricted airspace so passenger jets never fly over this building.

"I raced to the window and pulled out the screen, and saw what looked like a giant boomerang, with several flashing lights around its edge, flying low, slow, and silently toward the west." When it reached the Potomac River, it turned south and continued until it was out of sight.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Northern Carolina, Reddish Light

Outer Banks - The family was staying in a rented beach house and on July 28, 2003,

about 10:00 p.m., they noticed a very bright object in the dark sky above the Atlantic Ocean. The witness states, "It was about 45 degrees above the ocean and had a reddish colour, as it moved slowly at first to my right. The object then moved back to its previous spot and from there it travelled up at a 75 degree angle and finally stopped about 100 feet from its previous location."

I continually watched this object for about two hours and at first I hesitated to call this object a UFO because, after all, it could easily have been a plane or a helicopter, but neither of these explanations seem plausible because the object was moving at speeds, either far too fast or far too slow for any commercial helicopter or plane. The object also moved at angles dissimilar to planes, jets, and helicopters.

My uncle and two brothers also saw this UFO and concurred that what I was watching seemed to be an object that met absolutely no criteria for any airborne objects known to the public (that does not include military). So I am forced to believe that what I saw was either a military plane or a UFO. The former seems far more likely.

The second sighting occurred while my uncle and younger brother were walking on the beach, August 2 at around 10:00 p.m. They watched an object similar to the one we had seen on the 28th. Apparently the object began to sway backwards and forwards as if it were searching for something. They watched it move off to their right at very high speed and then return to the previous spot at a lesser speed.

This time the object sped off at an incredibly high speed and disappeared into the night sky. There were no clouds on either night. I am 17

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years old and live in Virginia. Anyone who would like to discuss the event in further detail or who would like to relate a story similar to mine, please feel free to email me at vpenv88@hotmail.com.

Thanks to spymaninvasion@yahoo.com.

Editor's Note: Mars was rising in the ESE evening sky and remains highly visible in the southern sky all night and appears reddish. However, it does not manoeuvre.

Ohio, Daylight Disc Photographed

Fostoria - George Ritter writes, "I photographed a dark disc in the grey overcast sky at about 04:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2003. It was moving at high speed just above the trees. It appeared to be about 25 feet in diameter."

Thanks to George Ritter.
See views www.GeorgeFiler.com

Michigan, Crop Circles

Howell - Two crop circles were discovered on July 28, 2003, in an 80 acre wheat field southwest of the city. The first one was 50 feet in diameter with a short protrusion on both the east and the west sides. The second circle was only four feet in diameter. The wheat was laid down in counter-clockwise fashion.

The farmer who discovered them says that they must have been generated some time between July 10th and 24th. He likened it to the film *Signs* with Mel Gibson. In his opinion, it was not the work of pranksters, because there were no footprints in the field, and he was

amazed at the precision of the circular patterns, ruling out natural weather phenomena.

Thanks to Doug Parrish
dkparrish@comcast.net

Illinois, Small Hovering Object

Batavia - The witness was looking at a plane in the eastern sky on July 19, 2003, when he saw a small silver object that was moving slowly across the sky at 04:00 p.m. He told his wife, sister, and Nanna to look. The object stopped and hovered in the same place for at least 15 minutes. It was very small, but it definitely was not a plane or balloon because it didn't move. We know it wasn't a helicopter. The witness took several digital pictures, but I couldn't see if he was getting a good shot even with 8 x optical lens.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Louisiana, Large Flying Triangle

Shreveport - The witness was driving home at 09:30 p.m., after picking up a pizza on July 21, 2003. He states, "While going down the road I thought I saw some helicopters, but they looked strange because their lights were so dim." After I looked a little more closely I realised it was just one large flying triangle with rounded edges and had really dim lights going around it. There were 10 to 15 steady lights that were not blinking or changing. The craft appeared to be pretty large and far away and flew laterally very easily.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Kansas, Brilliant Daylight Saucer

Elsmore - The witness was driving along the highway between the city of Moran and

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Elsmore on July 21, 2003, when an object in the shape of a flying saucer appeared to lift off from a rural farm and moved across a field at 02:06 p.m. The object was a pure and brilliant white with no visible lights and was flying very low and very slow. It was 20 feet off the ground and flying west then it made a sharp turn north with no sound. Then it ascended slowly, accelerated quickly, and disappeared.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Idaho, Low Flying Green Orbs

Twin Falls - The witness was riding his motorcycle east on July 18, 2003, at 10:00 p.m., when out of the corner of his eye he saw a flashing green light. He states, "I turned to my right and saw two or three green flashing orbs about half a mile away." They were moving away from me and I didn't think too much about it since I thought the local airport had runway approach lights.

A few minutes later, I was returning on the same road and I saw the lights again. This time they were on the other side of the road and coming toward me. They passed to the right about 150 yards away and were flying 25 feet above the ground. They were green in colour and flashing like a strobe about one flash every two seconds. They looked to be travelling at about 75 to 100 mph.

I stopped to get some gas and one stopped about half a mile away, hovering and flashing. After I filled up, I drove toward it, and it started moving again. It was gone by the time I got to its former location. I called the 911 Centre to inquire if anyone else had reported seeing these things. The dispatcher told me no one had called that night, but about a week

earlier a policeman reported seeing similar lights.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

California, Moving Amber Light

San Diego - Jan Kregers writes, "With the monsoon flow bending in our direction this summer, I have had good viewing on a few nights both last week and this week." I am continuing to see oddly moving star-like lights that I was also observing last summer. They range in colour from a very bright almost blue-white, through amber, to a cigarette-ember orangey-red. I watch on clear nights from about 08:30 to 11:00 p.m.

On July 22, 2003, about halfway through my viewing session, I spotted an amber-coloured dot flying in from the west. It was to the north, and as it drew level with me, I thought, "Hmm, this one is really bright! I wonder if it's a satellite, reflecting towards me?" Just as I had this thought, the dot made a sudden 90 degree turn, and started heading away from me to the north. What was odd about the turn was that the dot was moving relatively slowly before and immediately after the turn, and the turn itself was a sudden 'hiccup' of movement.

I was thinking, "Well, this is no satellite judging by what it just did." Then the dot made another abrupt 45 degree angle to the right and kept heading away from me to the northeast. The second turn had the same 'Skippy' quality to it as the first one: at first it was going north and then suddenly it just jumped and was going northeast at the same leisurely pace. It was a very odd thing to watch. It was moving fairly slowly and I kept it in sight for four minutes.

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First, I watched it by eye and then with binoculars until I finally lost it in the city light-haze. Even though it was around 09:45 p.m., I never saw the dot go into Earth shadow as it travelled northeast. It stayed bright until I lost it in the haze and distance.

Regards, Jan Kregers, CA.

Oregon, Daylight Sphere Take Off

Portland - On Thursday, July 17, 2003, myself and three co-workers (all engineers) were golfing when Chris spotted a strange craft. We looked up into a clear blue sky at 03:15 p.m., to see a stationary object at about a 55° angle. The object gave off a "silvery" reflective light that looked like it was undulating or rotating in an irregular fashion because of the variations in light emissions.

As we watched it became apparent to us that it was not a small helium balloon hovering over us. This thing was very high since planes coming from PDX appeared to be flying way below it, and it wasn't moving. I watched the object in between golf shots as we played. About an hour and fifteen minutes later as we neared the last hole, Chris again brought the object to our attention.

It appeared to be in the same area of the sky, but was even smaller (or higher) than before. I took my eyes off of it for a second, when Chris said, "He saw it move to the right about eight inches at arm's length and was now quickly climbing away." This thing was very puzzling. Many other people had to observe this object, as it was **clearly** visible for at least an hour and fifteen minutes.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Washington, Sphere Hits Plane

Dupont - The witness went to bed around 02:00 a.m. on July 18, 2003, when he noticed three hanging orange lights spaced at intervals, emitting a saucer-shaped glow. They slowly changed into a triangle shaped pattern as he watched for thirty minutes. The lights were quite high in the sky so he ran out back to get a better view. He says, "When I opened the back door, my Mom heard the noise and came out to view the lights and was amazed as well."

She felt it was something to do with Ft. Lewis that is a mile from our house. The shape changed, or rather the angle changed as I went out back to get a better look. From then on, it just looked like a blob of three vaguely orange lights in a triangle pattern. Within 15 minutes, it had moved to my right and the orangeness emitted a glow. Together, the three orange lights formed a saucer shaped halo in the sky. It was completely unique and the aura caught my attention."

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Port Angeles - On July 21, 2003, the first plane, possibly an F-16 fighter, came from the south and passed overhead at 09:10 p.m., and turned east towards Seattle. The witness began filming because the fighter was making a pink contrail in the sunset. He then videotaped a second aircraft, heading north, crossing the Straights into Canada.

The witness states, "As I watched through my viewfinder, I saw a round unidentified object fly from the east to the west towards a second jet plane, and appeared to hit it. Just before the round object hit the belly of the jet plane the lights on both wings and the tail flashed on

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together. The round object went under the facing wing and out the back." He says, "What looks like spray can be seen on the videotape, and the round object can again be seen leaving the tail of the aircraft and continuing west."

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Canada, UFO's Help Tourism

Terrace Standard News - Jennifer Lang reports, Terrace's reputation as British Columbia's UFO capital is creating a new kind of tourism boom in the region. Curious travellers from across North America are inquiring about the tourism facilities in communities across Highway 16, says a UFO researcher based in Houston, B.C. "You would be surprised just how many emails I get requesting information for our area," says Brian Vike, editor of Canadian Communicator, a magazine specialising in the paranormal, and director of HBCC-UFO Research.

Earlier this year, Terrace cracked the Top Ten in a national UFO survey, earning third place, just ahead of Houston, where Vike operates a toll-free UFO hotline, so he can collect and investigate eyewitness reports. "Terrace recorded the third highest number of UFO sightings in the country last year, bringing national and international attention to the region," Vike says. The resulting publicity means the Northwest is rapidly emerging as one of the best places to see UFOs in Canada.

Savvy tourists know they're more likely to see a flying saucer than the elusive Kermode bear, the white form of a black bear that is the city's official symbol. Vike says he's often contacted by UFO buffs and the just plain curious

who want to know about the region's tourist attractions and accommodations.

<http://www.terracestandard.com/portals-code/list.cgi?>

Terrace, BC - Brian Vike reports, "The gentleman was sitting outside on his porch at 11:30 p.m., on July 27, 2003, and ten degrees above the tree line he spotted a great big bright white light moving very slowly." He said the light was at least three times brighter than the planet Venus and flew in a northerly direction for three seconds when the light just faded out.

Terrace - A witness called to tell Brian, "My wife and I were watching vehicle traffic entering the town on July 24, 2003, from our mountain home when we saw a large glowing oblong shaped object moving slowly along Highway 16. It was heading north at 11:45 a.m., near the Skeena River but it was flying way too low for any plane to fly at night," he said. Eventually the object made a sudden move, or jerked across the highway and came to a stop.

It would stop for a split second, and then start moving again. As it moved ahead it would slide back just a bit, and then travel ahead. It was sitting in a stationary position, then gained a little altitude and shot off towards the west at an incredible speed. Last year, his grown children and he watched as a huge glowing/golden coloured "thing" flew over Terrace fairly quickly.

Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research 1 866 262 1989 - Editor: Canadian Communicator - Paranormal Magazine Website: CANADA HBCC

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Argentina, Cattle Mutilations

Rio Negro On Line - The cattle mutilations caper, which was brought to a close last year when officials explained that the cattle were attacked - after dying - by a strange red mouse, continues to be a source of bewilderment in Valle Medio as mutilated animals continue to appear. On July 24, 2003, a veterinarian and a farmhand from a local Sociedad Rural ranch found a cow - showing incisions similar to the ones seen last year.

The animal had clear signs of mutilation: it was missing an eye, its udders and its reproductive organs. These had been removed with surgical precision and there were no tracks near the animal. "As a whole, whenever an animal dies a natural death there is much kicking, or rigor mortis sets in shortly afterward, but there is nothing like that here," stated an astonished Enrique Sánchez of the Sociedad Rural. Veterinarian Carlos Montobbio pointed out that "the animal was found in the El Gualaguay ranch belonging to Arsenio Ferrarino, a rural cattleman with years of experience who had never seen anything like it."

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UK/England, RAF Chases UFO

RAF Bawdsey - John Cotton writes, "I was a National Service Fighter Plotter stationed at RAF Bawdsey, a GCI site, and one night in late 1954, we were in the middle of an exercise when over the intercom came the radar sighting of an unidentified flying object." At the time I was working in the RT recording area. As soon as the Meteor NF11s interceptors we were controlling were sent to investi-

gate, I started recording the intercept. This is the normal procedure.

As the interceptors approached and got visual contact with the target they reported that it was a stationary object (confirmed by radar) and "saucer like" in shape. On being ordered to approach closer the target shot off at high speed and then hovered again. The second time the fighters neared, the target went straight up at very high speed until they disappeared off the Type 13 height RADAR. I like many others in the "hole", had gone into a Control Cabin that wasn't in use to see this phenomena.

The Chief Controller that night (either Flt Lt Jack Smith or Flt Lt Clifford) asked to hear the recording of the interception, but for the first time we could remember, there was no recording. It was a simple system of a continuous loop of clear film on which the voices and a time signal were "scratched" and supposedly fool proof.

The following morning we were not allowed to sleep in, but had to parade for the CO to remind us that the Official Secrets Act applied to events of the previous night. Later that day, the CC tried to get in contact with the two pilots concerned at their airfield, but were told they had gone on leave! There was an unconfirmed rumour that the aircraft were contaminated by radiation. It was also confirmed that there were no weather balloons being launched in the vicinity. That was the last we heard of it.

This is not the same incident as has been reported in the same area in, I think 1956, involving Mildenhall and Woodbridge. My wife, who was the CCs assistant at the time,

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confirms this incident, but from a different viewpoint. "It was such a vivid experience that I can still picture it after (heaven forbid) 50 years!"

Thanks to 2590718 SAC John Cotton.

Newcastle Upon Tyne - The witnesses were in the back garden on July 20, 2003, at 01:30 a.m., looking at the stars, when they saw a bright white light travelling across the sky at extremely high altitude. They report, "It was travelling too fast to be an aeroplane and there was no engine sound." The first sighting took one minute to travel across the sky to the base of the Big Dipper.

The light was not steady, as it would be, if it had been an aeroplane. The light appeared unsteady and wobbly. The second sighting took place fifteen minutes later, when a light slightly duller and lower light in the sky flew past. I am confident that this also was not an aeroplane as there were no wing lights or sound.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Netherlands, Six Unusual Lights

Roosendaal - The witness was spotting satellites on July 19, 2003, when he suddenly noticed six faint lights in the sky (far fainter than the satellite at 22:42 UT). He states, "I was already quite used to the low light environment or else I doubt if I would have seen them." They were around 80 degrees up in the sky to the south and they disappeared around 45 degrees to the southeast.

Their speed seemed to stay the same, but they moved a little faster than standard satellites.

I've confirmed with a normal satellite that this was about the height where they went into the shadow of the earth. The thing that disturbed me most was that there were six objects flying near each other in formation with some little shifting back and forward as you see in formation flight in air shows.

Haelen - We saw four lights flying with high speed on July 19, 2003, moving north at 11:30 p.m. One of the four craft made sudden movements through the formation. We don't think they were aircraft because of their altitude and movements.

Thanks to Peter Davenport - NUFORC.

Croatia, Light Hovers And Charges

Mljet, Soline - The witnesses went for a walk after dinner on July 17, 2003, and saw a bright tiny light hovering above the shore at 09:15 p.m. They reported, "We couldn't figure out what it was, but it started flying towards us at high speed, faster than I have ever seen before." The light became about the size of a volleyball but didn't look like an electrical light. It was very solid and bright.

My friend and I were frozen to the ground, and all we could think was, "Go away, we were scared, because the object was completely silent, no wind and just so different from anything else we have ever seen." After the light became the size of volleyball, it started to move away from us to about the size of a prune, and then it vanished. We ran back to the hotel and asked the locals, if they know anything about strange lights at night. Nobody knew about this light.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

'Stars' Turn Out To Be Ultra-Compact Galaxies

By Chris Lackner

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An international research team has discovered a new class of galaxy - the smaller sibling of large galaxies such as our own Milky Way.

The new ultra-compact dwarf (UCD) galaxies have been visible for years in ground-based pictures of space, but were always mistaken for stars located near our own galaxy.

"Anyone could have gone and measured them over the last 30 years, but no one ever thought they were there," said Dr. Michael Drinkwater, professor of physics at the University of Queensland in Australia.

The discovery of five UCD galaxies was made while observing objects in the Fornax Cluster - a grouping of 300 galaxies located 60 million light years away from our own - and confirmation of their unique status was reported recently in the journal Nature.

The five compact galaxies are each home to approximately 10 million stars, and are much smaller than the typical large galaxies, Drinkwater said.

"An average galaxy like our Milky Way is 60,000 light years across; the UCDs are roughly 100 light years across."

Researchers believe UCD galaxies are created when a medium-sized galaxy is torn up by the gravitational pull of a larger, neighbouring galaxy. The destruction leaves behind the compact core of the medium-sized galaxy, hence the name of new galaxy class.

The UCDs were initially discovered in 2000 using the Anglo-Australian Telescope (AAT) at Siding Spring Observatory, located near the town of Coonabarabran in New South Wales, Australia.

The AAT uses a Two Degree Field Spectrograph that can measure the light from 400 different objects at once in order to measure their distance from one another in space and determine how fast they are moving.

Spectrographs split the light of an object into different colours, similar to passing a light through a prism. Scientists have used them to determine how fast stars are moving within galaxies, Drinkwater said.

"I could use the AAT spectrograph to measure the distances of up to 400 objects at once rather than doing them one at a time on a traditional spectrograph [making this project impossible]," he explained.

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The research team measured the spectra of close to 3,500 objects in the direction of the Fornax cluster, including what they thought were 2,500 nearby stars. "The surprise was that seven of the stars were not nearby, but 60 million light years away - so they had to be bigger than single stars, though we didn't exactly know what they were," he said.

Drinkwater and his team determined the nature of their discovery by using the Hubble Space Telescope and the Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile to measure the size of the objects. The Hubble Telescope - orbiting our planet's atmosphere - offers a view of objects free from the distortion that occurs when looking into space from Earth. It provided high-resolution images that revealed the size of the objects to be approximately 100 light years across.

With the VLT, researchers took high-resolution spectra readings to determine how fast the stars inside the objects were moving - the original reading in Australia did not provide the resolution required to make such a measurement. "Together, the size and the internal speeds let us show that these objects

were really galaxies and unlike any other galaxy type we had previously known," Drinkwater explained.

He believes the newly discovered galaxies may eventually dissipate over time. "They may not be stable - they're still affected by the gravity of their big neighbours. They're essentially small galaxies trapped between much larger ones."

Drinkwater and his colleagues - a team of international researchers from Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany - have received \$180,000 from the Australian Research Council to continue their studies.

The next step will involve searching for UCDs in other parts of the universe, as well as testing their theory on how the new galaxies were formed in order to confirm they are the products of other galaxies being ripped apart, Drinkwater said.

"These galaxies offer us insight into other galaxies that may be in the process of being ripped apart in a similar fashion."

Cat Hit Live Wire, Looked Like UFO

Metro, March 26, 2003

In the sky, experts say a reported UFO sighting in Norway was probably an electrocuted cat, ananova.com reports.

People in Lardal reported seeing a fireball explode in the night sky and fall slowly down to earth.

But investigators think they've solved the

mystery after the charred body of a cat was found at the foot of an electrical mast.

They believe the unlucky cat climbed up the mast and touched a live wire, reports Aftenposten.

Lars Helge Sogn says what people saw was the cat exploding and falling off the mast.

Search Narrows For Life In Outer Space

By Michael Higgins

National Post, Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Delve Report, April 2003

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150 signals from possible intelligent civilisations to be examined.

A hunt by scientists and owners of home computers worldwide to find extraterrestrial life has been narrowed to 150 signals from space.

The signals have been identified as the source of possible transmissions from intelligent civilisations and are the result of five billion signals being analysed by four million computers.

Three members of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) team from the University of California, Berkeley, will travel to Puerto Rico next week to pinpoint the signals with a giant radiotelescope and gather information.

"This is the culmination of more than three years of computing, the largest computation ever done," David Anderson, a UC Berkeley computer scientist professor, said. "It's a milestone for the SETI@home project."

But Mr. Anderson was cautious about expecting too much. "If there is any possibility at all of finding an extraterrestrial signal, it's probably much less than 1%," he said.

SETI@home was started in 1999 with the idea of harnessing the processing power of peo-

ple's home computers while the machines were idle.

"The remarkable thing about SETI is the membership is world-wide, roughly half comes from the United States and there is a lot from Germany, Japan and a lot from Canada," Mr. Anderson said in an interview yesterday.

Computer owners downloaded a screensaver from the SETI@home project, which included all the necessary software needed to process information sent to them by scientists. The computer did the analysis while not being used by the owner.

The SETI scientists got their information from attaching an antenna to the 300 metre Arecibo radiotelescope in Puerto Rico, which scanned the skies and recorded data on a high density tape. A 35 Gbyte (Gbyte=1,000,000,000) tape was filled every 16 hours.

The tape was sent by mail to Berkeley and divided into 0.25 Mbyte (Mbyte=1,000,000) chunks which were sent from the SETI@home server over the Internet to people around the world to analyse.

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"An analysis of each chunk returns on average five of what you could call primitive signals, little blips that stood out in some way," Mr. Anderson said.

When the task is complete, the program uploads the results to a database at SETI@home headquarters and collects a new chunk of digitised space signal.

"What we have done at our end in the last couple of years is to go through this ever increasing database of these basic signals and look for anything that helps us distinguish them from random noise and man-made interference. Those are the two things that are the other possible sources of radio signals from space besides intelligent beings." Mr. Anderson said one criterion for eliminating random noise was if a signal had been heard from the same place and at the same frequency on several occasions.

"Some of these 150 are already the result of looking at the same place in the sky five or six times."

He added, "The entire history of SETI is one of sober investigation and negative results. There's no overwhelming reason to think that we are going to do much better now."

"If you listen to noise long enough, eventually you hear any kind of pattern you might look for. In the same way that if you flip a coin forever, you will eventually get 100 heads in a row."

However, Mr. Anderson said that even "if we don't find ET this time" they had pioneered a new form of supercomputing as well as raising awareness of the SETI project.

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I Too Saw A UFO

Cannock Chase Post, Wolverhampton, England - March 13, 2003

I am a pensioner and the following story is quite true.

At dusk on a spring evening - I think it was late May 2001 - I was taking my washing in from the back of the house, getting the last few items from the clothes line, when I heard a gentle shushing noise which made me look up.

I stared in amazement as I saw a large object, shaped like a 50 pence piece with flashing coloured lights at each corner, it moved slowly over my head, I could distinctly see the underside. It was a dull metallic brown, slightly bowl-shaped.

I watched as it glided slowly over the rooftops

in a northeasterly direction, when it was almost out of sight, I ran up to the landing window but it had disappeared.

I couldn't see the top of the object, it filled the space above me, I was stunned. I told my husband, I couldn't stop talking about it!

The following evening an article appeared in the evening newspaper, a mother and daughter had seen the object twice on the same evening as myself, (I think they were from Willenhall) and described the same object.

I still feel amazed when I think about it, but I saw it exactly as I have described, so I know they saw it too.

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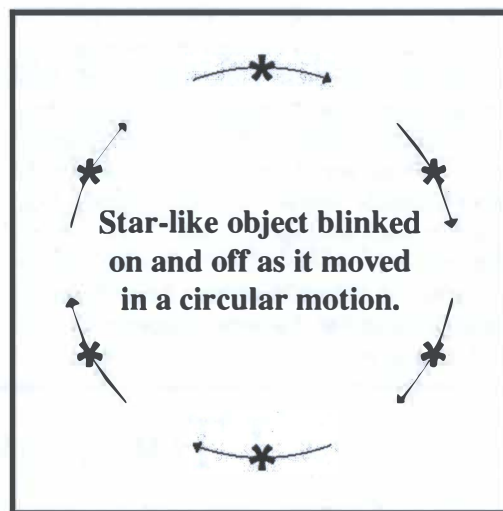
Norlane, Vic.
31st July 2003, 06:00 p.m.

VUFORS received a delightful letter from a mother and her son, containing a report of a sighting that occurred near their home. The content of the letter, with slight modifications to preserve their anonymity, follows below.

On Thursday night, 31/07/03, (clear starlit night, moon very first phase after "new moon") at twilight, while the sky was still blue, my son and I were out driving, picking up my "Avon" books from my customers. ... Just after 06:00 p.m., my son said to me, "Look at the star Mum." This time it was a small white star, NNE, in front of us and the car, but just a little to the right, so that when I looked out of my driver's window, it was almost in front of us.

We both watched it for only 5 minutes, all the way to our home. It was small and white, the exact colour and shape of a normal star, but it was quite low, about 500 feet above the housetops, not over Corio Bay this time. It

blinked on and off as it moved in a circular motion, and then zigzagged on and off, altogether for about 5 minutes. We went home because we had to pick up my son's Karate book.



After collecting the book, we quickly went back to the car and the sky was dark and the object had disappeared. During this sighting there was no radio interference, no unexpected sound, and no apparent effect at all. We just experienced a sense of excitement and surprise, once again.

Norlane, Vic.
30th June 2003, 10:50 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

The mother from Norlane (see previous report) sent us a report about the appearance of an unusual bright orange light, about half the apparent size of the moon, at an elevation of

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about 45 degrees. There have been a number of reports of bright orange and other lights appearing in this and nearby regions. But for the early date and the presence of heavy cloud, the closing proximity of the planet Mars might have made it a candidate worth considering as a possible explanation. The observer does indicate that the light appeared in the eastern sky. Following is the content of the letter received from the Norlane mother.

I was settling my pet dog in the porch at the back of my house, close to the back door, for the night when I looked into the sky as I usually do. I was surprised to see a bright orange star in the eastern sky, which is the direction straight down my backyard. It was behind a large tree at the back fence and was to the right of the oil refinery, at an altitude of about 3,000 feet.

I called my son to the back door and he saw it before going to bed. I then rang a friend who lives nearby to let him know about the bright orange star. He returned my call on the afternoon of Tuesday the 1st of July, to let me know that it disappeared at about 12:30 a.m. that day. He said he didn't know whether cloud covered it or it just vanished. When viewing it, it appeared to be moving in the strong wind, but was actually relatively stationary.

There weren't any stars visible that night as the sky was heavy with clouds, that is, except for this one bright orange light, too low to be a star and way below every cloud in the sky. It is exactly one week ago on Monday that we saw the last one. There would appear be a pattern that on Monday night, the light appears while the weather is very cold, windy, and cloudy. On the following day, Tuesday, it is always mild and sunny.

Kingston, Tas.
24th June 2003, 03:00 a.m. - 04:00 a.m.

The observer reports that he and another saw the following events on a clear cold night, while looking eastward at an elevation of 30 degrees. An object first appeared as a circular disc while they viewed its base, and later as a cone when it reoriented itself giving a side view. Coloured lights associated with the object changed intensity and colour, and any sound emanating from the object would not have been audible due to the distance to the object.

The observer reports, "I was letting the dog out before bed when I noticed a brighter than usual star in the sky. At first I thought it was a plane since it appeared to have a central white light and coloured light on either side. However, I am a pilot and know one would be red and the other white. These lights changed colour and then grew brighter as if getting closer. I decided to get my video camcorder out so I could use the 150 X zoom. This revealed two circles, one inside the other.

"These appeared to change colour and the craft appeared to grow larger and then smaller as if changing distance. Then at one point it appeared to rotate from showing its underneath profile to a side-on profile. At this point it resembled a child's spinning top. This has all been captured on video; however, the quality is poor as the camera was not designed for this use. The object was also at least 15 km away, probably a lot more. I believe my video is worth seeing as I cannot explain what I saw.

"Any help would be appreciated."

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North Geelong, Vic.

23rd June 2003, 08:05 p.m. - 08:20 p.m.

The mother from Norlane (see previous reports) sent us a report about the appearance of an unusual object with bright red and blue lights. The object, which progressively changed in apparent size to the size of the moon, and then to a coloured dot, was first seen in the southeastern sky and finally disappeared in the northeast, just above the horizon. The report from the Norlane mother follows.

While driving home, my son and I watched a bright red star, which had a bright blue star or light attached to the left of it. When we turned a corner to go down toward Norlane, the blue light changed to white, then green, then yellow, then orange, and back to blue. We headed under an overpass and on toward a nearby Quay where boats harbour for goods exporting and importing. We kept the object in sight, which at that time appeared as a big red light about the size of the moon.

In order to gain a good view of the whole bay, we drove to the North Shore Playground on the other side of the Quay, and parked in the dirt car park. There we saw the object glide silently across the centre of the bay toward the point (Point Henry - Alcoa). It descended from 80 feet to 50 feet above the bay, and I thought that it might go under at any time. As it proceeded away from us, it became a pink dot, which changed to white and back to pink again, before disappearing.

Kilsyth, Vic.

08th June 2003, 11:20 p.m. - 11:25 p.m.

On a cold, calm, dry night with light cloud cover, the observer and another were driving

home when they observed a bright, scintillating, orange light, about as bright as the planet Jupiter, in the eastern sky. The observer reports that the light moved in a south-southeasterly direction, in a straight line, with constant motion, at approximately 14 degrees per minute. After several minutes, the light moved below the tree-line in the southeast. The observer relates his experience as follows.

While driving home, he and one other sighted a bright orange light directly ahead at an elevation of about 45 degrees. After driving for about 2.5 km, the light had attained an elevation of 63 degrees. He stopped the car and they got out to try to gain a better view of the light. At first he thought it was stationary as there were no stars visible, but he could see that it was slowly moving south-southeast toward Mt Dandenong. After about 1.5 minutes, they returned to the car and continued home. This took about 4 minutes.

Mt Wallington, Vic.

10th May 2003, 10:00 p.m.

The observer reports that eight adults and two children saw the following event. The weather was fine with light cloud and a mild breeze. Four red glowing lights, each about as bright as a bright star, were first seen at an elevation of 45 degrees in the eastern sky and the remaining three lights were last seen in the western sky after about 8 to 10 minutes.

The observer reports that he first saw the four lights high in the sky, travelling rapidly from the east to the west. Three of the four lights were originally in a triangular formation with the fourth trailing behind. This formation broke up with the three continuing in a straight line and the fourth vanishing from view.

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It would appear that other neighbours in their vicinity were also curious about the lights as someone shot a spotlight into the air, following their path. The lights were believed to have been obscured by clouds when they vanished from sight.

North Croydon, Vic.

10th April 2003, 08:00 p.m.

On a fine, cold, dry evening, with a mild breeze, whilst sitting in his outdoor spa with his two young sons aged 6 and 8 years, the excited observer and his sons saw a disc shaped object with an orange body, silver trailing edge, and large flaming orange and yellow tail, appear in the southern sky at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees. Within seven seconds, the disc reached the northern sky and then shot straight upward until it could no longer be seen.

The disc was estimated to be approximately 20 metres in length and at one time, 500 me-

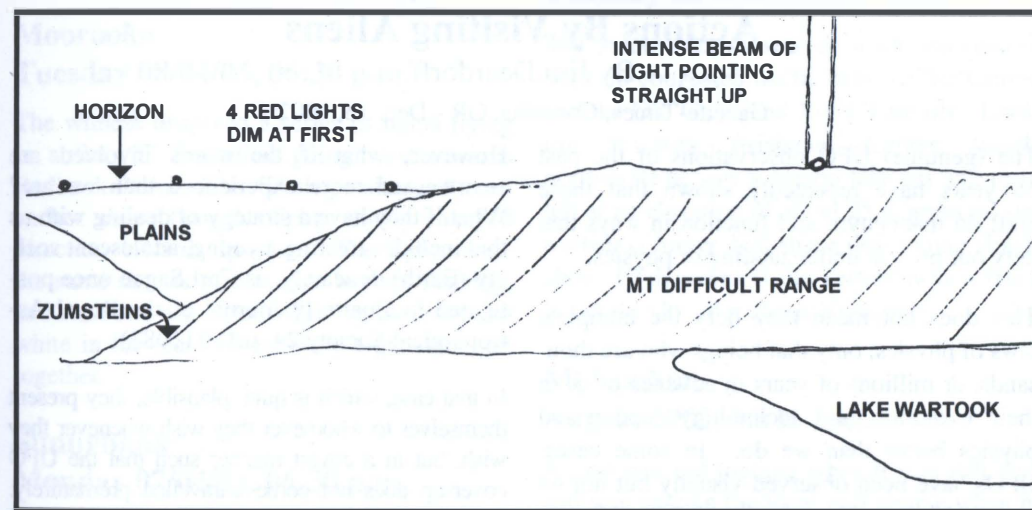
tres distant. Each of the sons independently produced "neat" drawings of the object that they saw. Unfortunately, the drawings are too large and too colourful to be reproduced at this time.

Reids Lookout, The Grampians, Vic.

January 2002, 12:30 a.m. - 02:30 a.m.

The observer and another saw the following events, a couple of kilometres from Reids Lookout, during a dry, warm summer night with a mild breeze. The observer was bewildered and excited ("What the hell is that?") when, late at night, he saw five lights, four of which were red, located on or near the horizon in the northwest, and the fifth, an intense shaft of white light, heading straight upward, in the north, amongst the silhouetted trees on top of the Mt Difficult Range.

While observing the activity in the area, the observer noticed the four red lights, each about the size of a five cent coin at arm's



Locations of the five lights seen from near Reids Lookout

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length, glowing dimly, and the dim shaft of light, about the diameter of a twenty cent coin at arm's length. Within the span of two minutes, all five lights simultaneously glowed brightly, and then, just as suddenly, they stopped, as though switched off. These five lights did not exhibit any movement during the sighting.

Las Vegas, Arizona 1999, 10:00 a.m.

The observer, who appears to have moved to Australia since having his sighting in the USA, reports that two others observed some or all of the events reported below. On a clear but slightly cloudy day, the observer noticed a silver ball, apparently the real size of a car, silently hovering in the northern sky. He reports that he last saw the object vanish from the eastern sky.

As he went to his morning break from work, he walked to the back of the shop and sat down, then he had a strange feeling he didn't recognise. He looked up but didn't see anything at first, but suddenly, the sunlight reflected from something and he stared at it for a while. He thought to himself, "that is strange", the object just sat there for a long time.

He called his friend and said, "look", but before his friend did look, the friend said, "Do you see a silver object?" He said "yes", his friend said that they can be seen all the time, but they can't be seen if you're not really looking for them. They hover over the airport, the mountains, and in the clear blue sky. The observer noted that the object hovered for over an hour, and then in front of both of them, vanished!

The observer indicates that that was the beginning of many sightings he had in Las Vegas.

Higher Logic Likely Behind Actions By Visiting Aliens

By Jim Deardorff

Gazette-Times, Corvallis, OR - Dec. 16, 2002

The (genuine) UFO observations of the past 55 years have repeatedly shown that these craft do manoeuvre and function in ways that defy our present understanding of physics.

This does not mean they defy the complete laws of physics, only that beings who are thousands, or millions of years in advance of us in their evolution and technology, understand physics better than we do. In some cases, UFOs have been observed visually but not on radar, vice versa in others, and both visually and on radar in still others.

However, what if the aliens involved are smarter and more experienced than we are? What if they have a strategy of dealing with us that includes treating a young, adolescent society (Earth) delicately, as Carl Sagan once postulated in Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society 24, p.120 (1983).

In that case, which is quite plausible, they present themselves to whomever they wish whenever they wish, but in a covert manner such that the UFO cover-up does not come unravelled prematurely. Thus, they haven't hovered around very long in any one place within the developed nations.

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UFO ENCOUNTER 211, 212, April 2003 - July 2003

Loganholme, South of Brisbane Saturday 08/03/03, 04:30 p.m.

A witness reported seeing an object about the size of a 767 aircraft flying from the north and arcing around to the west. It was white, long and narrow like an aircraft fuselage but had no wings. The witness is a small plane pilot (flies Cessnas) and estimated the object was 20,000 ft high. He observed it for one and a half minutes before it disappeared out of sight. He viewed this object from Loganholme, which is just south of Brisbane.

The same witness also reported that 20 years ago he was out walking at dusk when he saw a flash of light emanate from a point in the sky. Two small bright white objects emerged from the flash and flew off in opposite directions disappearing from view.

Moorooka Tuesday 08/04/03, 06:30 p.m.

The witness observed a series of lights flying in a flat 'T' formation going west towards Redbank Plains. The 'T' shape changed to an anchor shape then the lights slowly changed direction towards Ipswich. The lights were the same size as plane lights but not flashing, and each one was coloured red in the front and white in the rear. There were eight lights all together.

Sunnybank Monday 07/04/03, 06:30 p.m.

A man observed three red lights in succession to the northeast at an initial angle of elevation

of about 60 degrees, the size and brightness of a dim star. The first descended slowly on a diagonal path to the right to about 55 degrees elevation over about ten seconds and faded out. About a minute later another red light did the same thing in the same place in the sky.

A third light descended about half the distance of the earlier lights and then continued moving horizontally to the right for a further 20 seconds before fading away. It was also observed with binoculars, but no additional details were seen. There were no clouds in the part of sky being observed. About 10 minutes later an F-111 aircraft arrived and flew around the area for about half an hour. He obtained pictures of the plane.

Mt Gravatt Tuesday 08/04/03, 08:30 a.m.

The same witness was in a car proceeding north in congested traffic between Mt Gravatt and the Old Cleveland Road Turn-off. Looking towards Brisbane Airport (north-northwest) he saw a Jumbo take off and to its left at an elevation of about 25 degrees he saw a silver coloured ball shape descending slowly about 10 degrees off the vertical which faded out in the sky after about 10 seconds.

Mt Coolum August 2002, 06:15 a.m.

A man was out jogging while it was still dark and was passing the local golf course when he saw an incredibly black cloud with blue sky on one side. As he stood looking at this cloud, he

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saw a satellite. As he watched the satellite pass overhead, it "blew up" like a small moon for a few seconds. He phoned because he was still puzzled and wanted to understand what he had seen.

One possible explanation offered to him was that the satellite might have had a large flat solar panel or other flat surface, which momentarily reflected the sun straight to his eyes. With the presently available information about the black cloud we cannot infer that it was other than an unusual natural phenomenon.

Two weeks later while out jogging again, the same witness observed a black or brown, longish, oblong object moving south to north, shooting out a dull red shaft of light forwards every second or two. As he watched, the object stopped, turned and continued on to the east over the ocean. He lost it in the morning glow after observing it for about 2 minutes.

Annerley Saturday 19/04/03, 04:27 a.m.

It was still dark when a man was walking up the external stairs of his house and heard a hiss and a bang. He looked around and saw a green ball about twice the apparent size of the full moon rising from the ground, and it faded out after about three seconds, without leaving any smoke or other residue. The glow lit up the sky and his surroundings. He judged that the object was about a mile away and drove around the area, but found nothing, which might be connected to his sighting. The entire episode lasted about ten seconds.

Yeerongpilly Tuesday 22/04/03, 06:00 a.m.

A man observed an orange-white light in the eastern sky that appeared to be coming toward

him. It had a tail, ten times longer than the size of the object, that streamed out behind it. It was moving slowly and appeared to be coming down over the ocean (to his east). He rang Amberley Air Base but they did not know what it was. The witness eventually lost sight of the object behind a building. There were three witnesses to this incident. (A high flying jet contrail interpretation is being checked out.)

Churchill, Ipswich Wednesday 23/04/03, 06:00 a.m.

A couple observed what looked like a slow moving meteor to the east, which they observed moving away for about 5 minutes. They also obtained about 2 to 3 minutes of video footage. The object had a head and a tail and was seen first at an angle of elevation of about 30 degrees, going down to about 15 degrees as it got fainter and was lost to sight. Its apparent length was about 10 cm at arm's length. The sun was up during this sighting. (A high flying jet contrail interpretation is being checked out.)

Moorooka, Brisbane Saturday 03/05/03, 07:45 p.m.

A stationary red and white flashing light was observed in the western sky for 2 to 3 minutes at an elevation of 5 to 10 degrees, with no associated sound. The light was seen through the trees when a haze swept across the line of sight, which cleared, and then the light changed to red. No sound was heard. This witness had 4 sightings in 4 years.

Balmoral, Brisbane Sunday 11/05/03, 09:20 p.m.

A woman was watching TV with the lights on when she observed a bright orange light mov-

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ing from east to west. It reminded her of a jet afterburner. She opened her window but heard no sound. It was travelling at the speed of a plane and stopped for 2 to 3 minutes before moving away. It was oblong and about 1/10th size of the full moon. The incident lasted 4 to 5 minutes.

Petrie Friday 16/05/03, 11:45 p.m. - 01:30 a.m.

A woman saw 5 blue-white objects travelling slowly in the sky at an elevation of 60 degrees. The objects were constantly brightening and fading every second as they moved. The woman thought they were way out in space as they drifted towards each other then further apart. She could see the objects moving by lining them up with the satellite dish on the neighbour's house.

Bethania Monday 26/05/03, 06:15 p.m.

Three big bright orange lights far apart were observed moving together in the northern sky and stopped. Two of them then moved north towards Brisbane and one remained overhead. This light flashed a bright red and then glowed orange again, seemed to be rising and went out. The incident lasted 4 to 5 minutes, the sky was clear and the moon and stars were bright. The lights were slightly bigger than stars and covered about half of the sky as they moved. Three witnesses observed them.

Mt Morgan Friday 06/06/03, 07:00 p.m.

A man was looking east and saw a bright light flash across his view moving south to north. It was incredibly bright compared to the stars,

had no tail, and made no sound. It was too fast to be an aircraft and appeared to come down as it moved, changing its angle of elevation from about 30 degrees to 25 degrees as it crossed about 20 degrees of sky. Its glow remained constant and it was lost behind a hill.

Bracken Ridge Saturday 14/06/03, 05:10 p.m.

A woman reported an orange fireball like a ball of flame in a teardrop shape, as she looked west towards Dayborough. As it went towards the horizon it seemed to change shape to a blob. It was eventually lost behind hills. It was seen for about 20 minutes and was thought to be the condensation trail of a jet aircraft seen by the strongly reflected light of the setting sun.

It was later confirmed by air traffic controllers that at about 05:10 p.m. an airline flight was passing over Taroom 200km west of Brisbane on its way to Bali. Other reports of similar sightings at that time were also received.

Cambooya Saturday 21/06/03, 05:00 p.m.

A white object about one inch long at arms length was seen one hand span above the horizon. It was travelling NNW to NW, very slowly, then disappeared from view at 05:40 p.m. It changed colour vaguely, but didn't diminish in size.

It was confirmed by Oakey Air base and RAAF controllers at Amberley that a Guruda Airlines Air Bus was in that part of the sky at that time. The sighting was attributed to its contrails lighted by the setting sun. Aircraft flying west tend to almost keep up with the

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setting sun whose shadow-line also moves west at about 1400 km/h, so their contrails can remain visible for many minutes.

Oxenford, Queensland

Monday 07/07/03, 06:40 p.m.

I live at Studio Village near Oxenford Queensland. Recently I witnessed something that was not a plane, helicopter or satellite. In the northwestern sky at about 45 degrees high, I saw a bluish white light coming from the west heading east at 06:40 p.m. on July 7. Most aircraft that I see in the sky are coming from the south heading north presumably to Brisbane airport.

I thought it was a helicopter, but the light faded out and then reappeared further west. The sky was clear, no clouds at all and no wind. There were no other lights on the object

that I could see. It was about as bright and as big as the brightest star in the Southern Cross. I watched it for approximately 1 minute. There was about five seconds between the light being on and off. The light stayed on for about three seconds then faded and reappeared five seconds later.

There was no noise, as it seemed to be far away. It moved about as fast as a light aircraft at close range. It appeared at one time to take a right angled turn to the south then it reappeared on its westerly direction. The light went off and then reappeared probably a few kilometres south of its last position. I have never seen an object in the sky take that sort of turn over that distance in such a short time frame (less than 5 seconds). It spooked me quite a bit. It was definitely not an object that I'm used to seeing in the skies.

Mission To Mars Unveiled

Metro, Monday, May 26, 2003

The latest mission to Mars has been officially unveiled at the National Space Centre in Leicester.

The space mission will be the first ever to be controlled by scientists and engineers in full view of the visiting public.

The British-led Beagle 2 Space Robot will be launched in a rocket from Kazakhstan in June and will take seven months to travel the 100,000,000 kilometres to Mars.

The main aim is to search for evidence of whether life may have existed or still exists on or below the surface of Mars.

The event has been labelled Red Leicester Day.

"It is the start of a potentially momentous year for British space exploration and the race to find evidence of life on Mars" said Chas Bishop, the chief executive of the National Space Centre.

"We are all eagerly looking forward to playing our part in this (exploration) of Mars."

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Asteroid Neighbouring Mars Is Named For Mister Rogers

Toronto Star * Sunday, May 4, 2003

Mister Rogers now has an asteroid named in his honour. Misterogers, formerly known as No. 26858, honours **Fred Rogers**, creator and host of PBS's *Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood*.

Rogers, known for his sweaters and slow, clear speaking voice, died Feb. 27 at age 74.

"I doubt there are many not touched in some way by (his) life and work," said John Radziłowicz, director of the planetarium at Pitts-

burgh's Carnegie Science Centre, which made the star choice.

The centre co-produced a touring show for preschoolers called *The Sky Above Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood*.

Misterogers can be found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, 350 million kilometres from the sun. It was discovered in 1993 by the Palomar Observatory in California.



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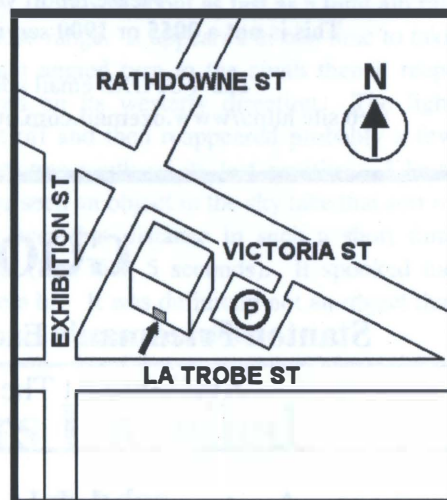
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At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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